

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks (pages 9 and 10), filed 5/22/2008, with respect to claims 52, 56, 57, and 61-66 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 52, 56, 57, and 61-66 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 52-66 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

* All rejected claims have been amended to overcome 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 103;

* Objected claim 52 has been amended to correct a minor informality;

* The present invention provides a new apparatus, method and computer readable medium, wherein the decompression time required for displaying compressed data can be reduced and the image can be displayed at high speed and in size-reduced manner (specification, page 8, paragraph [0029]).

Particularly, the new apparatus, method and computer readable medium comprise the following features, which the prior art taken either singly or in combination does not teach:

- the dividing number set corresponds to a transmission line capacity and an image quality level, and a color component, and a resolution level (see independent claims 52, 54, 55, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, and 65).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANH H. DO whose telephone number is 571-272-7433. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4-9.

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